

Wednesday, October 11, 2017
LMTA Full Board Meeting
University of New Orleans

Meeting was called to order by President, LaWanda Blakeney.

Roll was taken by signature. Those present were LaWanda Blakeney, Pam Pike, Teresa Thomason, Michelle Strain, Ellene Owens, Kathy Norris, Patti Misita, Judy McGehee, Katherine Tobey, Rebecca Bellelo, Charlie Jones, Chan Kiat Lim, Raymond Yee, Robin Yee, Frances Yang, Carla Breaux, Christine Lien, Tamah Goad & Laura Pray (by Skype).

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Teresa Thomason.

We have given \$1,000 to two people and we voted to give \$1,500 each to Texas MTA and also to Florida MTA.

We had 95 registered for the convention.

65 Members, 21 Collegiate students, 3 Clinicians & 4 Non-members.

More will register onsite.

Chan Kiat led Chamber Competition discussion.

The Chamber Competition was held at University of Lafayette last year.

The judge has an option of awarding a winner in each category. It is not possible to book the Recital Hall at the University of Lafayette until May. By May it is too late to promote. Therefore Chan Kiat proposes that we move the competition to January.

This would possibly help with participation.

Ellene Owens gave report on Student Composition competition.

This year LMTA had 15 students to enter.

4 or 5 at Intermediate Level, 4 or 5 in Elementary II and 4 or 5 in Elementary.

LMTA had an Elementary II level that won 1st Place in the MTNA composition competition. Ellene is open to doing a session in the future on Composition.

Robin Yee gave Upper Elementary Audition report.

Right now a student which enters has to play 4 to 10 minutes with 2 to 3 pieces. Would we want to consider letting them play as many as they want?

Right now LMTA Upper Elementary Audition competition just has a 1st & 2nd place.

Last year the Upper Elementary and Junior auditions had the same judge. She thinks

We need a different judge for the two groups. She will coordinate this with Charlie Jones. Robin will submit in writing for proposed changes.

Frances Yang gave a report on the LMTA Collegiate members.

Of this group, two students went to National MTNA convention and led a presentation.

One collegiate member went to Florida's state convention and gave a presentation.

Charlie Jones gave a report about MTNA auditions for State Convention.

At this LMTA convention we have 26 performers. In 4 levels we just had 1 entrant.

In Junior Piano we had 7 entrants. In Senior Piano we had 4 entrants. We will start the MTNA auditions at 8 a.m. and end by 12 noon.

We will have MTNA Division auditions in Louisiana this year on January 13 and January 14, 2018 in Natchitoches.

Katherine Tobey gave a report on Music Link.
She said that we do not have any current members of Music Link at this time.
This was probably stronger in the past where schools had a strong relationship with their students in music.

The Silent Auction report was given by Christine Lien.
She said over \$3,000 was raised from 48 LMTA members last year for LMTA's Foundation Fellow & the MTNA Foundation.
LMTA does not have a Foundation Fellow this year. Instead any money raised at this LMTA convention's Silent Auction will go toward LMTA projects. The LMTA Executive Committee decided to disburse additional money to Florida's MTA and also to Texas's MTA directly.

Carla Breaux gave a Technology report.
Carla said that last year LMTA voted to move forward with checking into how much Back 40 would charge to put the website and Rally database under one location and to see if we could implement this project in phases. Back 40 company gave us a timeline estimate of five months to get setup.
They are a great company and we need to look at our vision for this.

Katherine suggested to help save money for LMTA Rally to go with a flat judging fee and no mileage for the District Rally and also for Torgrimson/Swanzy judges.
We could have a set fee for Local judges and another for Out-of-Town judges.
We should clarify the mileage fees.

Tamah Goad gave the Rally Chairman report.
She said that Torgrimson/Swanzy lost money this year. LMTA bought Honorable Mention ribbons for \$400 that should be enough to last for several years. Also we had to hire a 5th judge.
The Rally Board suggested raising the T/S Rally fee to \$35.00. The Rally Board and Executive Committee will vote on this. Also, LSU Baton Rouge has asked for a sexual harassment liability coverage by MTNA for any events that we have at their school. MTNA does not cover this. So Baton Rouge can no longer use LSU for district or LMTA events. LMTA would have to cover this on their own. Patti Misita will call and check on the costs. It was also suggested that maybe LMTA could get Louisiana judges for some of the Torgrimson/Swanzy competition to save money. Tamah will discuss this with the Rally Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Norris